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Rodriguez, Bartender, Habana Bar; Ernest Pena, owner. N.Y. Post Feb 18/67

Oswald Probers on Hunt

New Orleans, Feb. 18 (AP)—Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison said "it's very possible" when asked about a published report that he was investigating whether President Kennedy's assassination resulted from a possible plot involving New Orleans.

"I don't have to explain the trips to any newspaper," Garrison said heatedly after the States-Item, in a copyrighted story, said yesterday his office is spending "out-of-the ordinary sums of money" on such an investigation.

Meanwhile, the Miami Herald quoted "high sources" as saying that New Orleans authorities were searching for a Cuban who lived in Miami.

Local, state and federal officials in Miami refused to talk, the Herald said, but other sources reported Garrison's men had "looked through thousands of law enforcement photographs on visits to Miami."

The States-Item said "the possibility of a well-organized assassination plot in which New Orleans and New Orleans residents were somehow directly involved is said to be at the center of the investigation."

The Warren Commission said it found no evidence of a plot after investigating the assassination of Kennedy in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963. The commission's report named Lee Harvey Oswald as the one assassin.

Oswald lived in New Orleans the summer before Kennedy was killed. He was arrested here once while passing out hand bills for the pro-Castro "Fair Play for Cuba" committee.

The Miami Herald said the New Orleans investigators have obtained a picture showing the hunted Cuban posing with Oswald and said he had made at least six trips to Miami since last Nov. 25. The Herald said it was not known whether the Cuban still lived in Miami.

Records in the city finance department and Criminal District Court here show more than $8,000 has been spent in the past months by Garrison's office for a "special investigation."

The records listed eight trips to Miami with most of the $8,000 spent on trips to Miami, Dallas, Houston, Washington, San Francisco and the Louisiana State Penitentiary.

Adrian Alba, a garage operator who befriended Oswald here, told reporters he was approached in mid-January by a detective from the DA's office. Alba said the officer questioned him for 30 minutes about Oswald and he quoted him as saying the interrogation was "Jim Garrison's project."

Charles Leblanc, who worked at a coffee plant with Oswald, said he was quizzed about five minutes some two weeks ago by a detective.